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SUBJECT: INTER-AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND
CULTURE CONFERENCE, JAN 26 - FEB 1, 1974

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1. EMBASSY OFFICERS DISCUSSED SUBJECT CONFERENCE WITH FOREIGN
MINISTRY SECRETARY GENERAL CASTILLO JANUARY 23. CASTILLO SAID
THIS MEETING IS VERY IMPORTANT TO GON BECAUSE IT WILL PRESENT TO
THE CONFERENCE A REQUEST FOR IACESC ASSISTANCE FOR SPECIAL
DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS RELATED TO THE RECONSTRUCTION OF MANAGUA.
SPECIFICALLY, THE GON WILL REQUEST THAT THE IACESC FURNISH THE
SERVICES OF TWO SEISMOLOGISTS AND TWO GEOLOGISTS PLUS CERTAIN
EQUIPMENT DURING THE PERIOD 1974-76 AT A COST OF US\$400 THOUSAND.
THIS SAME PROPOSAL WAS PRESENTED TO THE IACESC EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE IN WASHINGTON JANUARY 7-11, 1974 AND IS APPARENTLY
BEING REFERRED TO THE FULL CONFERENCE FOR APPROVAL.

2. CASTILLO SAID THAT, IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE THAT THE GON
ATTACHES TO THIS MEETING, ITS DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY DR LUIS
VALLE OLIVARES. FOR PROTOCOL PURPOSES DR VALLE, AS AN ALTERNATE
MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNING COUNCIL, HAS THE STATUS OF A
VICE PRESIDENT OF NICARAGUA. HE IS ALSO THE SECRETARY TO THE
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NATIONAL GOVERNING COUNCIL. HOWEVER, HIS MOST IMPORTANT

SUBSTANTIVE POSITION IS MINISTER OF THE NATIONAL DISTRICT, WHICH GIVES HIM A KEY ROLE IN THE RECONSTRUCTION OF MANAGUA. SECOND MAN ON THE DELEGATION IS COLONEL ERNESTO RUGAMA NUNEZ, VICE MINISTER OF PUBLIC EDUCATION. OTHER DELEGATES ARE DR ALVARO RIZO CASTELLON, MINISTER COUNSELLOR OF THE NICARAGUAN AT WASHINGTON, DR RAUL QUINTANILLA, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING MINISTRY EDUCATION, AND DR ROCHA TERCERO, EDUCATION MINISTRY STAFF.

3. CASTILLO EXPRESSED HOPE THAT USG WOULD SUPPORT THE ASSISTANCE REQUEST GON WOULD PRESENT AT SANTO DOMINGO. EMBASSY OFFICERS PROMISED TO COMMUNICATE THIS TO DEPARTMENT. SHELTON

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